

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

By this amendment, Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to more particularly recite certain distinctive features of the Applicant's invention as discussed in detail below. Claims 13-15 and 18 have also been amended for consistency and clarity of expression. Claims 1-18 are pending.

In the outstanding Office Action dated December 15, 2006, Claims 1, 4-9, 11, and 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,278,697 to Brody et al. ("*Brody*") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0146018 to Kailamaki et al. ("*Kailamaki*"), and Claims 2, 3, 10, 12, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brody* and *Kailamaki*, and further in view of W. Stallings, "Cryptography and Network Security, Principles and Practice," ("*Stallings*").

Without acceding to the rejection, Claim 1 now recites, *inter alia*, a method for secure communication between first and second entities interconnected via an internet network, wherein first and second communication protocols are application interface communication protocols, the method comprising selectively recognizing an application request as belonging to one of the first and second application interface communication protocols, the first application interface protocol being associated with a first server of a second system and the second application interface communication protocol being associated with a second server of the second system; providing the application request recognized as belonging to the first application interface communication protocol to the second server of the second system; and converting, using a web server application interface portion of the second server, the

application request recognized as belonging to the second application interface communication protocol to the first application interface communication protocol. Support for this amendment is provided, for example, at paragraphs [0059] and [0064] of Applicant's disclosure.

It is apparent that neither *Brody* nor *Kailamaki*, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the above-noted limitations. *Brody* teaches a communication switch 154 that receives a message that conforms to a first communication protocol (*Brody*, col. 9, line 61 to col. 10, line 9), and the received message is converted into a generic message and subsequently into a second message according to a second communication protocol (col. 10, lines 18-26). *Brody's* disclosed communication protocols are wireless communications protocols "such as CDMA, TDMA, GSM etc." (col. 3, lines 29-34). Thus, the communication protocols of *Brody* are not application interface communication protocols.

Kailamaki fails to cure the above-noted deficiencies in *Brody*, nor does the Office Action rely on *Kailamaki* for these teachings. Thus, *Brody* and *Kailamaki*, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least a method for secure communication between first and second entities interconnected via an internet network, the method comprising, for example, "selectively recognizing said application request as belonging to one of a first and a second application interface communication protocol, said first application interface communication protocol associated with a first server of the second system and said second application interface communication protocol associated with a second server of the second system, providing said application request recognized as belonging to the first application interface communication protocol to the first server of the second system, providing said application request recognized as belonging to the second application

interface communication protocol to the second server of the second system, converting, using a web server application interface portion of the second server, said application request recognized as belonging to the second application interface communication protocol to the first application interface communication protocol” (emphasis added), as recited in independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 1 distinguishes patentably from *Brody* and *Kailamaki*.

Independent Claim 11 as amended recites, *inter alia*, a first application interface communication protocol associated with a first server of the second system, a second application interface communication protocol associated with a second server of the second system, and the second server comprising a web server application interface portion configured to convert an application request belonging to the second application interface communication protocol to the first application interface communication protocol.

Therefore, Claim 11 is also believed to distinguish patentably from the applied references for at least the reasons discussed above regarding Claim 1.

It is also apparent that *Stallings* fails to cure the above-discussed deficiencies of *Brody* and *Kailamaki*. Thus, Claims 2-10 and 12-18 are also believed to be patentable due to their respective dependence from independent Claims 1 and 11, as well as for the additional features recited in Claims 2-10 and 12-18.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

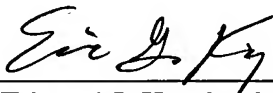
Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant’s representative at the telephone number listed below.

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